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[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

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Development Department.

G.O. Ms. No. 5056. Dated 30th October 1947.
Read the following:
G.O. Rt. 732 Development dated 1-10-1946.
From the Chief Inspector of Physical Education,
Roc. No. 124/46 dated 3-11-1946.
From the Board of Revenue Mis 805/47 dated 23-6-47.

O R D E R:

The Chief Inspector of Physical Education, Madras has forwarded to the Government the resolutions passed at the second conference of the Rural Recreation Organizers held on the 30th October 1946. The Government have carefully considered these resolutions in consultation with the Board of Revenue and pass the following orders:-

Resolution 1. The Government accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that an acre or two of suitable dry land available with Government should be classified in Revenue accounts as playground porambokes. The Board is requested to issue necessary instructions to all Collectors in the matter.

Resolution 2. The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that the suggestion of the conference for the appointment of Rural Recreation Officers for each district should be taken up after the introduction of prohibition in the eight more districts from 1-10-1947. The Board is accordingly requested to submit definite proposals for the consideration of Government.

Resolution 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15: The Government do not consider any action necessary on these resolutions.

Resolution 4. The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that the question of fixing the scale of pay of District Recreation Officers may be taken up when proposals for their appointment are submitted.

As regards the proposals to enhance the scale of pay of certificate holders and the grant of annual increment to Rural Recreation Officers, orders will issue separately in the Revenue Department.

Resolution 6. The Government accept the suggestion of the Board of Revenue that the convention of declaring the posts of Rural Recreation Officers permanent after having kept them on a temporary basis for a period of 5 years may be followed. The Board is requested to submit necessary proposals in due course in this respect to the Government in the Revenue Department.

Resolution 7. The Government accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenu that the maximum of travelling allowance of Rs. 20 per mensem in the case of diploma holders and Rs. 15 in the case of certificate holders ordered in para 1 of G.O. No. 739 Development dated 1-4-42 should be removed, and direct that, in partial modification of the G.O. referred to, they be allowed travelling allowance according to Madras Travelling Allowance Rules.

Resolution 10: The Government do not approve the proposal to enhance the existing grant for the conduct of taluk firka and distric tournaments.

Resolution 16. At the Second Conference of Rural Recreation Organizers it has been resolved that the Government should give a definite direction to all district boards and local bodies to permit utilisation of definite sums of money for the purpose of rural recreation. The Government accept the proposal and direct that a circular be issued by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Bodies stating that such of the local bodies and Municipal

councils as can afford may make contributions towards the tournaments with a view to promote recreation, subject to the usual rules regarding sanction.

Resolution 17 The Government agree with the Board that there is no need to provide a contingent allotment to the Rural Recreation Officers.

Resolution 18. The Government do not approve the proposal to grant a compensatory allowance to the Rural Recreation Officers who have been temporarily transferred to prohibition districts.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

W.R.S. Satthianadhan,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
To the Chief Inspector of Physical Education, Madras.
To the Inspector of Municiapl Couucils and Local Bodies.
To the Accountant General thro ' Fin.
Copy to all Collectors (except the collector of Madras)
To the Revenue Department,
To the Local Administration Department.

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Office Assistant,
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From

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Madras.

To

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The Additional Secretary,
Development Department,
Government of Madras.

Ro O.C. 124/46, Dated 3rd November 1946.

Sir,

Sub: Rural Development- Rural Recreation Scheme- Second Conference of Rural Recreation Organisers- Resolutions- Forwarded.
Ref: G.O. No. R.T. 732- Dev. Dept. Dated 1-10-46.

I am requested by the Second Conference of Rural Recreation Organisers to forward the resolutions adopted by the Conference with necessary explanatory notes.

The resolutions are given below:--

1. It is reported at the Conference that Rural playgrounds have been very quickly developed as in Salem District due to the initiative of District Collectors who directed the Karnams in Villages to report about available sites suitable for use as playgrounds and who then took immediate steps for the alienation of such sites as rural playgrounds. This Conference requests Government to direct all Collectors to take the initiative in the matter of the development of playgrounds in every village.

Note. The resolution is self explanatory. Personal efforts of the Rural Recreation Organisers are no doubt necessary. But directives from the Collectors to the Karnams followed by immediate action by the Collectors will accelerate progress in the development of playgrounds.

2. It is resolved that the Rural Recreation Scheme should function a separate unit of the Revenue Department, with one Recreation Organiser for a taluk and one Recreation Officer for each District, directed by a Provincial Recreation Direction.

Note: The suggestion is for a full fledged section of recreation under Revenue Department. The appointment of District Recreational Officers, and a Progincial Recreation Director is suggested with a view to better co-ordination direction and supervision of the work.

3. It is resolved that the District Rural Recreation Officers be provided with a Van with all the up-to-date recreational equipments, and the taluk recreation Organiser be provided with a Motor Cycle to speed up his work.

Note: The value and usefulness of Propaganda vans has been proved during the war. One van for a district is inadequate. A van in every Taluk is desideratum.

Difficultites of travel have compelled the Rural Recreation Organisers to request the supply of motor cycles to them. Now that a large number of motor cycles are being released by the military, the Rural Recreation Organisers ecpress a strong hope that this request will be considered.

4. It is resolved that the scale of pay of the District Rural Recreation Officer be that of the grade of the Tahsildar and the Taluk Recreation Organiser that of a Deputy Tahsildar.

Note: The request for a revision of the scale of pay of the Rural Recreation Organisers was made at the 1st Conference and has been put forward again and again. The Hon'ble the Minister for Agriculture has said that the legitimate grievances of the Rural Recreation Organisers will be considered. What the Rural Recreation Organisers now ask is that theirpay should be communsurate with the work expected of them and with their training and qualifications. The proposed

13. Resolved that the Government may instruct the Director of Public Instruction to issue orders to Local Bodies to permit the Rural Recreation Officers to use the school premises during their tours on duty when any other accomodation for lodging is not available.

Note: Rural Recreation Organisers sometimes find no place to stay in a village. Only in School premises can they at times find accomodation. A general permission will be a great help.

14. Resolved that District Women Rural Recreation Organisers be appointed in each district for organising and developing recreational activities among women.

Note: Recreation for women can best be organised and conducted by women.

15. This conference requests Government, that such of those men who are tained in the Rural Uplift Schools may be paid an honorarium of Rs. 6/- per month so that they may look after recreational activities in their respective villages as Village guides.

Note: This is to ensure continutiy of work begun by the Rural Recreation Organisers in a village. Selected Village Guides on a small Honorarium of Rs. 6/- per month can be of great help in this respect.

16. Resolved that Government, may give a definite directive to all District Boards and other Local Bodies to permit utilization of definite sums of money for the purpose of Rural Recreation.

Note: Though rules permit Local Bodies and Panchayats to contribut for Rural Recreation programmes actually very few local bodies of villag panchayats give the necessary aid. They need to be reminded again through the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities to readily sanction grants for Rural Recreation Programmes.

17. Resolved that an amount of Rs. 10/- P.M. may be given to the Rural Recreation Officers to meet the incidental and contingent expenditure such as kerosine oil, chunam for marking lines, first aid materials etc.

Note: This is self explanatory. Like all other officers, they also need money for contingent expenditure.

18. This conference requests Government that a compensatory allowance may be paid to such of the Rural Recreation Officers who have been temporarily transferred as a result of the introduction of prohibition in the 8 districts like other Government servants who are paid such compensatory allowance when posted to special duty in view of the incidental difficulties arising out of the transfer.

Note: This is specially in case of the Rural Recreation Organisers who have been transferred to the Prohibition Districts since they have to keep up a double establishment and incur unnecessary expenditure on account of these transfers. It is understood that such compensatory allowance are sanctioned to officers of other departments similarly transferred.

19. Resolved to thank the Government for convening this Conference thereby affording facilities to the Rural Recreation Officers to meet, to exhange experiences and to express their opinions.

Note: This is a vote of thanks to Government.

I trust Government will consider the above resolutions sympathetically and issue early orders granting the requests made therein.

A copy of the orders issued may kindly be sent to me for my information.

Sd.
Chief Inspector of Physical Education.

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